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SYBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW UNFICYP COMMANDER

1. SYG WALDHEIM AT CONCLUSION OF SC CONSULTATIONS DECEMBER 13
ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD APPOINTED MAJOR GENERAL JAMES J.
QUINN OF IRELAND TO REPLACE LT. GENERAL PREM CHAND AS
COMMANDER OF UNFICYP.

2. UN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS
RELEASE ON APPOINTMENT:

QTE: SECRETARY-GENERAL APPOINTS MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES J. QUINN
OF IRELAND AS COMMANDER OF PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT, AFTER INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED, HE HAS APPOINTED
MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES JOSEPH QUINN OF IRELAND AS COMMANDER
OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS
(UNFICYP).

SUBJECT TO ACTION BY THE COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE
FORCE FOR ANOTHER PERIOD, GENERAL QUINN WILL ASSUME HIS NEW
FUNCTIONS ON 18 DECEMBER, AT WHICH TIME THE RETIRING
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FORCE COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT-GENERAL D. PREM CHAND #,

IS SCHEDULED TO HAND OVER COMMAND OF THE FORCE TO HIM IN NICOSIA.

BORN IN ROSCREA, TIPPERARY, IN 1918, GENERAL QUINN HAS HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE IRISH ARMY, WHICH HE JOINED IN 1938. HE WAS PROMOTED TO COLONEL AND NAMED COMMANDANT OF THE COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL, MILITARY COLLEGE, IN 1959.

AFTER SERVICE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AS CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER (DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF) IN THE CONGO (NOW ZAIRE) IN 1961-1962, HE RETURNED TO IRELAND TO COMMAND A BRIGADE AND WAS MADE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS LATER IN 1962.

GENERAL QUINN SERVED THE UNITED NATIONS IN CYPRUS FOR SIX MONTHS IN 1964 AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF AT UNFICYP HEADQUARTERS.

IN 1968 HE WAS NAMED COMMANDER OF CURRAGH TRAINING CAMP AND IN 1972 OFFICER COMMANDING THE EASTERN COMMAND. HE HAS SERVED AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF AT IRISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS SINCE JULY 1976.

HE IS MARRIED.

SEE NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS NO. 4031 OF 19 NOVEMBER CONCERNING GENERAL PREM CHAND'S RETIREMENT. SEE ALSO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TRIBUTE IN HIS REPORT ON THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATIONS IN CYPRUS, DOCUMENT S/12253, PARAGRAPH 80. UNQTE. SCRANTON

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